

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT #OR-035-00-04**

The attached Environmental Assessment (EA) contains a description of the proposed action, an analysis of expected impacts on land and resources, and mitigating measures to reduce those impacts.

In terms of context, I find that the impacts described would occur only on the site of the proposed action. There would be no societal or regional impacts and no impacts on potentially affected interests.

In terms of intensity, I have evaluated the effects of the proposed action, together with the proposed mitigating measures, against the tests of significance found at 40 CFR 1508.27. I find that:

1. The proposed action would cause no significant impacts, either beneficial or adverse. All impacts would be minimal; many would be short-term and intermittent. The action would merely continue an existing use.
2. The proposed action would have no effect on public health or safety.
3. The proposed action would not affect unique characteristics of the geographic area. It would have no impact on the Grande Ronde Area of Critical Environmental Concern which was designated with the subject facility already present.
4. The proposed action would have no controversial effects.
5. The proposed action would have no uncertain effects and would not involve unique or unknown risks.
6. The proposed action is a routine and common project and does not establish a precedent for future actions. The subject road has been in existence and used for approximately 50 years.
7. The proposed action is not related to any other action being considered by BLM.
8. The proposed action would have no effect to any property listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
9. The proposed action would not adversely affect an endangered or threatened species, or any habitat critical to an endangered or threatened species. A biological assessment of October, 2000 concluded that the risk of direct and indirect effects on listed fish species in the Grande Ronde River is extremely low. A "may affect, but not likely adversely affect" determination was reached.
10. The proposed action does not violate any law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

Therefore, I have determined that the proposed action, with the proposed mitigating measures, would not have any significant impacts on the human environment, and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Field Manager

Date